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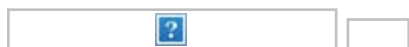
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DURHAM, N.H. - The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council has recently initiated an action to pursue a male-only dogfish fishery, but there remain many questions to address. Should there be a male-only dogfish fishery? If so, what are the management concerns and issues that would need to be resolved?

There will be a meeting Wednesday, April 2, from 5-8 p.m. hosted by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute in Portland, Maine, to discuss a potential male-only dogfish fishery. For those who cannot make it to Portland, come to the Seacoast Science Center in Rye, where NH Sea Grant is hosting a joint meeting via video conference. Guest speakers will include Paul Rago (National Marine Fisheries Service Northeast Fisheries Science Center Population Dynamics Branch), Harry Mears (NMFS Northeast Regional Office), and Terry Stockwell (Maine Division of Marine Resources). They will discuss dogfish management details, including stock assessment and issues involved with a potential fishery. Video conference technology will allow an interactive experience for New Hampshire participants to ask speakers questions and participate in the discussions.

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